

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/EP2004/012847

Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 3-9 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* 1, 2, 2a received by this Authority on 06.09.2005 with letter of 06.09.2005
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* 1-13 received by this Authority on 06.09.2005 with letter of 06.09.2005
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets 1/5-5/5 as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☒ the claims, nos. 14, 15
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-13</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-13</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-13</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)			
<p>1. This report makes reference to the following document:</p> <p>D1: DE 44 45 729 A1 (ROVEMA - VERPACKUNGSMASCHINEN GMBH, 35463 FERNWALD), 27 June 1996 (1996-06-27)</p> <p>2. Document D1 is regarded as the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1. It discloses a bag from which the subject matter of claim 1 differs in that the perforation in the space between the edge of the bag and the corner weld seal is designed differently from the perforation between the corner weld seal and the bag centre line.</p> <p>The subject matter of claim 1 is thus novel (PCT Article 33(2)).</p> <p>The present invention can therefore be considered to address the problem of preventing the filled goods from trickling out of the bag through the perforations, when they are large enough for easy tearing. This problem is solved by smaller</p>			

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	<p>perforations in the area of the filled goods.</p> <p>This solution is not suggested by the prior art and the subject matter of claim 1 therefore involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)).</p> <p>3. For similar reasons, the subject matter of claims 9 and 10 can be considered novel and inventive (PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3)).</p> <p>4. Claims 2-8 and 11-13 are dependent on claims 1 and 10, respectively, and thus also meet the PCT novelty and inventive step requirements.</p>